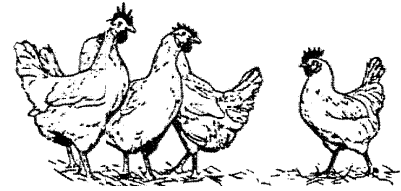


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U.S. APRIL EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 7.34 billion during April 2004, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.28 billion table eggs, and 1.07 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 58.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 2004 averaged 342 million, up 1 percent from a year earlier. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,148 eggs, up 1 percent from April 2003.

All layers in the U.S. on May 1, 2004 totaled 342 million, up 1 percent from a year ago. The 342 million layers consisted of 282 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 57.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.49 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate-of-lay per day on May 1, 2004 averaged 71.0 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from a year ago.

CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during April totaled 435 million, 29.0 million less than last month, but 8.0 million more compared to last April. Average number of layers during the month totaled 20.4 million, 1 percent lower than last month, but 1 percent more than April 2003. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,135 compared to 2,246 last month and 2,108 in April 2003.

LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING APRIL, FORCED MOLTING AS OF MAY 1

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	9,739	9,327	1,869	1,833	182	171	1.5	0.0	6.5	3.5
Arkansas	15,790	15,127	1,824	1,917	288	290	2.5	0.5	9.5	8.0
California	20,260	20,371	2,108	2,135	427	435	7.5	7.5	36.5	25.0
Georgia	20,516	20,233	2,042	2,031	419	411	4.5	5.0	14.5	11.5
Indiana	22,987	23,514	2,188	2,203	503	518	4.0	4.0	30.0	31.5
Iowa	38,954	42,730	2,167	2,183	844	933	4.0	5.0	34.5	35.0
North Carolina	10,948	11,054	1,900	1,900	208	210	2.0	1.0	12.0	7.5
Ohio	29,687	27,874	2,149	2,174	638	606	4.0	7.5	29.0	24.5
Pennsylvania	24,752	23,949	2,277	2,238	563	536	4.0	1.5	18.5	19.5
Texas	18,799	18,744	2,133	2,193	401	411	4.5	4.5	22.5	18.0
U.S. TOTAL	338,182	341,914	2,125	2,148	7,187	7,343	4.3	4.7	23.5	22.3

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	April 2003	March 2004 <u>a/</u>	April 2004	<u>Apr. 2004</u> <u>Apr. 2003</u>	<u>Apr. 2004</u> <u>Mar. 2004</u>
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	77,771	41,735	40,946	53	98
Chickens	Lbs.	49,953	27,677	29,438	59	106
Ducks	Lbs.	50	28	23	46	82
Total Frozen Poultry	Lbs.	127,774	69,440	70,407	55	101
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	573,466	504,561	540,637	94	107
Chickens	Lbs.	732,015	604,738	642,192	88	106
Ducks	Lbs.	6,043	1,246	1,020	17	82
Total Frozen Poultry	Lbs.	1,311,524	1,110,545	1,183,849	90	107
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	15,743	19,247	20,929	133	109

a/ Revised.

U.S. BROILER HATCH

The April 2004 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 774 million, was up 2 percent from April of the previous year. There were 661 million eggs in incubators on May 1, 2004, up 2 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.40 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2004, down 5 percent from April 2003.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, APRIL

State	2003	2004	2004/2003
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Alabama	102,088	108,657	106
Arkansas	106,918	111,422	104
Delaware	13,228	13,327	101
Florida	5,668	4,758	84
Georgia	112,814	115,136	102
Kentucky	23,573	24,944	106
Louisiana	13,502	13,609	101
Maryland	34,559	30,715	89
Mississippi	69,272	70,603	102
North Carolina	67,214	66,700	99
Oklahoma	22,918	23,599	103
Pennsylvania	12,800	13,150	103
South Carolina	17,018	12,903	76
Texas	52,510	54,413	104
Virginia	23,880	23,764	100
California, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	59,918	63,771	106
Other States ^{1/}	22,758	22,981	101
UNITED STATES	760,638	774,452	102

^{1/} Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during April totaled 37.5 million, down 1 percent from April 2003. Eggs in incubators totaled 34.1 million on May 1, 2004, down 3 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 311 thousand during April 2004, up 11 percent from April 2003.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, APRIL

State	2003	2004	2004/2003
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Arkansas	695	846	122
Florida	563	579	103
Georgia	2,429	2,362	97
Indiana	4,893	5,175	106
Iowa	6,398	6,296	98
Minnesota	1,451	826	57
Pennsylvania	4,740	6,117	129
Other States ^{1/}	16,635	15,313	92
UNITED STATES	37,804	37,514	99

^{1/} Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

EGGS IN INCUBATORS, MAY 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2003	2004	2004/2003	2003	2004	2004/2003
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
North Atlantic	11,913	12,517	105	4,334	6,185	143
East North Central	8,220	8,201	100	8,631	7,637	88
West North Central	23,744	25,695	108	8,792	6,526	74
South Atlantic	239,114	234,816	98	2,909	2,424	83
South Central	338,614	354,316	105	5,568	5,374	97
West	24,810	25,070	101	4,995	5,976	120
UNITED STATES	646,415	660,615	102	35,229	34,122	97

U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Turkey eggs in incubators on May 1, 2004 in the United States totaled 29.7 million, down 7 percent from May 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 2 percent below the April 2004 total of 30.4 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 8 percent, West North Central down 9 percent, North and South Atlantic down 5 percent, South Central down 8 percent, and West down 5 percent.

The 24.7 million poult placed during April 2004 in the United States were down 1 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were up 2 percent from the March 2004 total of 24.2 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, down 7 percent; West North Central, up 4 percent; North and South Atlantic, up 1 percent; South Central, down 5 percent; and West down, 15 percent.

ALL TURKEYS

Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators May 1		2004 2003	Poults Placed during April 1/		2004 2003
	2003	2004		2003	2004	
	Thousands	Thousands	Pct.	Thousands	Thousands	Pct.
East North Central	5,010	4,603	92	3,700	3,444	93
West North Central	11,899	10,772	91	8,926	9,247	104
No. & So. Atlantic	9,898	9,434	95	8,051	8,155	101
South Central	2,459	2,255	92	2,079	1,972	95
West	2,787	2,652	95	2,182	1,849	85
UNITED STATES	32,053	29,716	93	24,938	24,667	99

^{1/} Excludes exported poults.

TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES ^{1/}

Month	Total All Breeds		02-04 01-03	Cumulative Total		03-04 02-03
	2002-03	2003-04		2002-03	2003-04	
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Sept.	22,670	22,171	98	22,670	22,171	98
Oct.	23,811	22,805	96	46,481	44,976	97
Nov.	23,987	22,155	92	70,468	67,131	95
Dec.	23,977	23,424	98	94,445	90,555	96
Jan.	25,389	23,273	92	119,834	113,828	95
Feb.	23,833	22,905	96	143,667	136,733	95
Mar. ^{2/}	24,902	24,215	97	168,569	160,948	95
Apr.	24,938	24,667	99	193,507	185,615	96
May	25,111			218,618		
June	25,422			244,040		
July	25,330			269,370		
Aug.	24,036			293,406		

^{1/} Excludes exported poults.

^{2/} Revised data for "Total All Breeds, 2003-04."

EGG PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Egg producers in California produced 5.44 billion eggs in 2003, 13 percent below the 6.26 billion produced in 2002. The value of eggs produced totaled \$282 million, up 38 percent from the previous year's production of \$204 million.

Nationally, the value of all egg production in 2003 was \$5.32 billion, up 24 percent from the \$4.28 billion in 2002. Egg production totaled 87.2 billion eggs, down slightly from the 87.3 billion eggs produced in 2002. In 2003, all eggs averaged 73.1 cents per dozen, compared with 58.9 cents in 2002.

EGG PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Year	Eggs Produced 1/	Price Per Dozen 2/	Value of Production
	Millions	Cents	Thousand Dollars
CALIFORNIA			
1994	6,602	46.4	255,277
1995	6,444	53.7	288,869
1996	6,569	67.1	367,317
1997	6,663	62.1	344,810
1998	6,608	56.1	308,924
1999	6,606	47.9	263,690
2000	6,319	45.3	237,561
2001	6,082	47.2	235,921
2002	6,257	39.2	204,232
2003	5,439	62.3	282,375
UNITED STATES			
2002	87,252	58.9	4,281,416
2003	87,196	73.1	5,315,311

1/ Estimates cover the 12-month period of December 1 (of previous year) through November 30.

2/ Average of all eggs sold by producers, including hatching eggs.

BROILER PRODUCTION AND VALUE

This year and last year, broiler production for California was combined with seven other states (IN, IA, LA, MI, MO, OR, and WA) to avoid disclosing production of individual operations. These eight states produced 778 million birds totaling 3.87 billion pounds. The average price per pound was 37.0 cents for a total production value of \$1.43 billion.

Nationally, the value of broilers produced during 2003 was \$15.2 billion, up 13 percent from 2002. The total number of broilers produced in 2003 was 8.49 billion, down 1 percent from 2002. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2003 was 44.0 billion pounds, down slightly from 2002. The 2003 average price per pound on a live weight equivalent basis was 34.6 cents per pound, compared with 30.5 cents in 2002.

BROILER PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1/

Year	Number Produced	Pounds Produced	Price Per Pound 2/	Value of Production
	Thousand Head	Thousand Pounds	Cents	Thousand Dollars
CALIFORNIA				
1994	226,200	1,131,000	33.0	373,230
1995	235,800	1,179,000	32.5	383,175
1996	234,200	1,171,000	39.0	456,690
1997	237,300	1,210,200	39.0	471,978
1998 3/	506,660	2,444,100	39.3	961,745
1999 3/	519,510	2,501,200	38.9	972,841
2000 4/	763,600	3,606,000	35.0	1,261,596
2001 4/	768,080	3,697,500	40.3	1,487,707
2002 4/	810,300	3,993,800	31.7	1,264,724
2003 4/	777,600	3,868,850	37.0	1,430,557
UNITED STATES				
2002	8,591,080	44,058,700	30.5	13,437,345
2003	8,492,850	43,958,200	34.6	15,214,947

1/ Estimates cover the 12-month period of December 1 (of previous year) through November 30. Broiler production including other domestic meat-type strains.

2/ Live weight equivalent price.

3/ The following states were combined to avoid operation disclosure: CA, IN, IA, LA, ME, MI, OR and WA.

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TURKEY PRODUCTION AND VALUE

California turkey production totaled 419 million pounds (live weight) in 2003, down 5 percent from the 439 million pounds raised in 2002. Value of production, at \$151 million was down 5 percent from the \$158 million realized in 2002. The annual average price per pound was 36.0 for 2003 and 2002.

Nationally, the value of turkeys produced during 2003 was \$2.72 billion, down slightly from the \$2.73 billion the previous year. Turkey production in 2003 totaled 7.55 billion pounds, compared with 7.49 billion pounds in 2002. The average price received by producers during 2003 was 36.0 cents per pound, compared with 36.5 cents in 2002.

TURKEY PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Year	Number Raised 1/	Pounds Produced	Price Per Pound 2/	Value of Production
	Thousand Head	Thousand Pounds	Cents	Thousand Dollars
CALIFORNIA				
1994	21,000	449,400	43.0	193,242
1995	22,000	462,000	46.0	212,520
1996	22,500	492,750	45.0	221,738
1997	21,000	480,900	42.0	201,978
1998	19,000	442,700	41.0	181,507
1999	17,500	428,750	45.0	192,938
2000	18,000	439,200	48.0	210,816
2001	18,700	450,670	47.0	211,815
2002	17,700	438,960	36.0	158,026
2003	17,300	418,660	36.0	150,718
UNITED STATES				
2002	275,477	7,494,861	36.5	2,732,481
2003	274,348	7,549,333	36.0	2,720,180

1/ Estimates cover the 12-month period of September 1 (of previous year) through August 31. Excludes young turkeys lost.

2/ Live weight equivalent price.

CHICKEN VALUE OF SALES

California's total value of other chickens (excluding broilers) sold in 2003 was \$158 thousand, 46 percent less than the value of a year earlier. The average price for other chickens was 0.5 cents per pound, down 0.3 cents from last year's price.

Nationally, the value of sales from chickens (excluding broilers) in 2003 was \$47.7 million, down 5 percent from the \$49.9 million a year ago. Prices averaged 4.8 cents per pound, the same as in 2002. The number of chickens sold in 2003 totaled 188 million, down 6 percent from the total sold during the previous year.

CHICKEN PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1/

Year	Number Sold	Price Per Pound	Value
	Thousand Head	Cents	Thousand Dollars
CALIFORNIA			
1994	14,300	2.0	1,058
1995	13,300	1.9	910
1996	11,600	2.0	812
1997	15,300	2.3	1,232
1998	13,808	3.4	1,643
1999	13,807	4.0	1,988
2000	13,232	4.0	1,958
2001	10,835	1.0	401
2002	9,954	0.8	295
2003	8,532	0.5	158
UNITED STATES			
2002	199,931	4.8	49,931
2003	188,168	4.8	47,679

1/ Estimates cover the 12-month period of December 1 (previous year) through November 30 and excludes broilers.

PRICES PAID FOR POULTRY FEED

Region	Unit	April 2003	April 2004
		Dollars	
PACIFIC REGION			
Chick Starter Feed	Ton	306	263
Broiler Grower Feed	Ton	293	275
Turkey Grower Feed	Ton	357	328
Laying Feed	Ton	260	239
UNITED STATES			
Chick Starter Feed	Ton	241	299
Broiler Grower Feed	Ton	234	278
Turkey Grower Feed	Ton	279	315
Laying Feed	Ton	232	249

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average April prices received by California producers, when compared to March average prices, decreased 38.0 cents per dozen for market eggs. Monthly statistics on California turkey prices have been discontinued.

Nationally, the April average prices received by producers increased one cent for broilers, and turkey prices increased 2.1 cents per pound compared to last month. Prices for market eggs decreased 38.6 cents per dozen.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY PRODUCERS, COMPARISONS 1/

Commodity	Unit	April 2003	March 2004	April 2004
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	53.0	112.0	74.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lbs.	31.0	47.0	48.0
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	51.8	100.0	61.4
Turkeys 2/	Lbs.	35.6	36.6	38.7

1/ The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by producers. They are averages for all grades, classes and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Mid-month prices.

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